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SUBJECT: GROUP TRAVEL: US COUNCIL FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA
TRADE AND INVESTMENT (SEATAI)

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1. ELEVEN-MEMBER SEATI MISSION ARRIVED TAIPEI
EVENING MAY 8 AND DEPARTED EARLY AFTERNOON MAY 10.
PROGRAM WAS ARRANGED BY LOCAL OFFICE FLYING TIGER LINE
INC., ACTING ON BEHALF ANNA CHENNAULT, WHO EMBASSY
UNDERSTANDS IS ON SEATAI BOARD.

2. SCHEDULE FOR MAY 9 INCLUDED CALLS ON T.K. TSUI
(TSUI, TSU-KAN), SECRETARY GENERAL OF ECONOMIC PLANNING
COUNCIL; S.Y. WANG (WANG SHAO-YU), VICE MINISTER OF
FINANCE; Y.S. SUN (SUN YUN-HSUAN), MINISTER OF
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (WHO ALSO HOSTED LUNCH FOR MISSION);
WILLIAM WEI, (WEI YUNG-NING), DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT BUREAU; C.C. WANG (WANG CHANG-CHING),
VICE MINISTER, MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS;
AND H.F. FANG, (FANG HSIEN-CHI), DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS. ON MAY 10 MISSION MADE
COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT C.K. YEN (SIMACHIA-KAN).

3. ADVANCE MAN ROBERT CRAWFORD CALLED ON ECONCOUNS
MAY 8 TO SOLICIT TYPING ASSISTANCE AND TO REQUEST
EMBASSY BRIEFING. OWING TO SHORT TIME MISSION
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TIME AVAILABLE WAS BREAKFAST MEETING MAY 9. THREE
EMBASSY OFFICERS PARTICIPATED IN BRIEFING. CRAWFORD
ALSO INVITED VERBALLY CHARGE' AND BRIEFERS TO
HURRIEDLY ARRANGED RECEPTION GIVEN BY MISSION FOR

GROC OFFICIALS EVENING MAY 9, OWING TO OTHER LONG-STANDING COMMITMENTS EMBASSY OFFICERS WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND. CRAWFORD AGREED TO INFORM EMBASSY ON MAY 10 OF DISCUSSIONS MISSION HAD THE PREVIOUS DAY WITH OFFICIALS MENTIONED PARA 2 BUT HE DID NOT DO SO.

4. COMMENT: IN CONTRAST TO WELL-PUBLICIZED KENNEDY TRADE AND INVESTMENT MISSION IN MARCH 1975, SEATAI MISSION ATTRACTED LITTLE ATTENTION IN MEDIA. NO PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO FACT IT CALLED ON SENIOR OFFICIALS SINCE GROC POLICY IS TO WOO ANY AND ALL BUSINESS VISITORS, PARTICULARLY FROM US, WHO ARE INTERESTED IN TRADING WITH AND/OR INVESTING IN ROC. SINCE CRAWFORD DID NOT REPORT BACK TO EMBASSY, WE DO NOT KNOW IF MISSION WAS PLEASED WITH VISIT OR IF IT ACCOMPLISHED ANYTHING OF SIGNIFICANCE. POPPLE

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